

# Video Doorbells Guidelines

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Please note: These are guidelines only. The intent is to provide some uniform and acceptable guidelines to homeowners for what will generally be viewed with approval regarding the purchase and installation of video doorbells on the property. However, the mandate still applies requiring the homeowner to submit an installation proposal for any video doorbells and to receive advance written approval before proceeding. Said proposal should be submitted using the Architectural Modification Request Form (also known as the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Request Form). This form can be obtained from our management company or downloaded from the Association website at [www.thediplomathoa.com](http://www.thediplomathoa.com).

## Type

In the ACC request for submitted to the board for approval, the homeowner needs to identify by model the doorbell to be installed (if a Ring doorbell). If not a Ring doorbell, the homeowner needs to identify the make and model of the doorbell they are seeking approval for and attach photos and specifications for said doorbell.

## Faceplate

In the ACC request form submitted to the board for approval, the homeowner should confirm that the doorbell(s) will have a satin nickel faceplate (or similar faceplate if Ring discontinues that specific option).

## Placement

In the ACC request form submitted to the board for approval, the homeowner should specify exactly where the doorbell(s) will be located. This should include a specified measured distance from the ground up and from the door brick molding over (or the garage opening over).

## Power Source

In the ACC request form submitted to the board for approval, it should be specified whether the video doorbell(s) will be powered by batteries or hardwired. If hardwired, the homeowner should specify and detail (by drawing) exactly where the lines will be run through the walls and connected to existing power supplies unique to that unit alone.

## Ownership

Because the doorbell(s) is to be installed on the exterior of the unit, the homeowner needs to understand and confirm that it will remain with the unit. The homeowner can use that feature as a selling feature when selling their home, but they cannot remove and take the doorbell with them once installed.

As a result of the homeowner's decision to have a doorbell installed on the exterior of the property, it is incumbent upon the homeowner to insure that it is installed professionally (even if self-installed). This includes completely sealing any areas to avoid water penetration beyond the brick exterior and closely monitoring it afterward. Any water penetration near such doorbell installations (whether interior or garage) will be closely investigated and, if it is determined that the water penetration is likely via improper sealing around the doorbell installation, it will be the owner's full responsibility to repair any damages resulting therefrom. Failure to repair any issues that compromise the structural integrity of the building or the visual attractiveness of the building will be deemed a willful violation of the Association's constituent documents and subject to corrective action by the Association, including but not limited to corrective action taken against a purchaser of said unit(s).